IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

JENNIFER P. CLARK,
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Plaintiff,
)
CIVIL ACTION NO.
v.
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2:08cv173-MHT
)
JASON J. DEAL and
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E. PAUL STANLEY,
)
Defendants.
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ORDER

The allegations of the plaintiff's complaint are insufficient to invoke this court's diversity-of-citizenship jurisdiction. The allegations must show that the citizenship of each plaintiff is different from that of each defendant. 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

The plaintiff's complaint fails to meet this standard. The complaint gives the "residence" rather than the "citizenship" of the plaintiff and both defendants. An allegation that a party is a "resident" of a State is not sufficient to establish that a party is

a "citizen" of that State. <u>Delome v. Union Barge Line</u>
Co., 444 F.2d 225, 233 (5th Cir.), <u>cert</u>. <u>denied</u>, 404 U.S.
995 (1971).

It is therefore the ORDER, JUDGMENT, and DECREE of the court that the plaintiff has until April 3, 2008, to amend the complaint to allege jurisdiction sufficiently; otherwise this lawsuit shall be dismissed without prejudice.

DONE, this the 14th day of March, 2008.

/s/ Myron H. Thompson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE